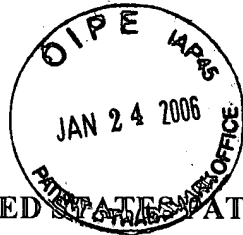


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 49745
Neil DEEMAN, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5451
Application No.: 10/685,462 : Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: October 16, 2003 : Examiner: Kuhns, Allan R.

For: DRY PASSIVATION PROCESS FOR STAMPER/IMPRINTER FAMILY MAKING FOR
PATTERNED RECORDING MEDIA

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Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed on October 16, 2003. Since more than two (2) years have elapsed since that date, and no Action to said application has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned agent be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 21, 2004 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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